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Subject: USS Reference Number: 08-1114
ACHD Reference Number: 10918
#19 Battery Igniter Flare
USS Clairton Works

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Gentlemen:

Air Pollution Division (APD)

The attached form confirms our verbal report of the outage. Any questions concerning this matter should be referred to Coleen M. Davis at 412-233-1015.

Sincerely,


Mark G. Tabler
Plant Manager
Clairton Works

NOTICE OF OUTAGE OF EQUIPMENT
ARTICLE XXI - SECTION 2108.1

1. **USS Reference Number:** 08-1114
ACHD Reference Number: 10918
2. **Date & Time of Breakdown:** Date: 12/12/08 Time: 1500 hours
3. **Company Name:** U.S. Steel Corporation - USS Clairton Works
4. **Specific Equipment Involved or Affected:** #19 Battery Igniter Flare
5. **BAPC Permit Number (if applicable):**
6. **Location:** Clairton, PA
7. **Nature and cause of breakdown:** A plugged impulse line leading to the auto mercoird switch malfunctioned and allowed the igniter flare to open.

Date	Battery	Start Time	End Time	Duration Min. Sec.	Flared Yes No
12/12/08	19	15:00	15:10	10 00	Yes

8. **Identification of Emissions:**
 - A. **Type(s) (CO, NOX, SO₂, Particulates, Hydrocarbons, etc.)**
Released products of combustion of Coke Oven Gas.
 - B. **Toxic qualities of each type (including its qualities as an irritant, and its potential for causing illness, disability, or mortality).** Eye, Nose and Throat Irritant.
 - C. **Amount of each type emitted (or likely to be emitted).**
Moderate
9. **Measures taken (or to be taken) to minimize length of breakdown and amount of emissions, including shutdown or curtailment (or why it is impossible or impractical to do so).**
The flare was manually closed. The problem was resolved and the automatic system was available for service.
10. **Facility back in operation -** Date: 12/12/08 Time: 1510 hours

Signature Coleen M. Davis Date 12-17-08
Coleen M. Davis
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